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Sandenong, 3175  
Victoria  
3. 1. '84

Dear Joyce and Lana,

Thank you for thinking of us, we appreciated receiving your Christmas card and good wishes contained therein, when we returned home from Bendigo last Wednesday evening. We went to Bendigo on the Friday before Christmas to stay with our son, Graeme, and his family. With reference to the Family Re-union? I had phoned Lorna Hepton during July and August, without any success. I assumed she was away. Lorna phoned me on 23<sup>rd</sup> November and we had a long conversation. Hal and Lorna had been in Queensland for 2 months and since their return Lorna had not been well, but was improving. I gave her all the details, as known by me, to date. Lorna is very interested in the proposed Re-union and has suggested a possible venue at a new Library Building adjacent to the Canterbury Gardens. She intends to inspect it to determine if it would be suitable for our purpose. I gather from your card, Joyce, you intend coming to Victoria for 1-2 weeks during January. If you do, I consider it would be of considerable advantage if Lorna and I could have a personal discussion with you to decide on a positive programme for the Re-union. It would possibly be more convenient if the 3 of us met at Lorna's home, although you would be very welcome to come here. In the meantime I will await a phone call from you, Joyce, when you arrive in Melbourne. Safe travelling and continued success in your research work.

Sincerely,

Neville

12 Darwin St.

Kalam 2617

18.1.84

Dear George and Shirley,  
Many thanks for your letter the negatives and cuttings etc. from your grandmothers' "Birthday Book". All are quite readable and have enabled me to correct two dates<sup>(a)</sup> G. F. W. Stevens born 1867 not 1866 as I had recorded and<sup>(b)</sup> I. B. Stevens date of birth 27.7.1947 instead of 28.7.1947. Have also corrected the misspelling of Rubie's name which I had ending with a Y and not IE. I have checked the extract of her birth certificate you forwarded to me. The little paragraph written concerning my grandmother's work at the Church is quite moving.

We must definitely talk with you both before going overseas ourselves. Hans is keen to spend a few days somewhere along the journey visiting one of the Eastern Tourist cities. Lanya will return in 3 weeks with her impressions of Hong Kong and Tokyo. These days most <sup>rather</sup> travellers seem to favour Hong Kong as a stop-over call than Singapore. I intend spending about 4 weeks maybe even 6 weeks in England researching family history - Daws, Sanderson and Peter Budge which will only give me about 1½ - 2 weeks for each line being researched. We had not planned another visit for 2-3 years but as most of the folk in the Peter Budge

family are over 80 years i.e. those with the memories and information, I felt a visit this year may achieve a great deal more than in 3-4 years time. Hens plans to go to Germany for some weeks to try and gain more information concerning his family and ancestors. We have not yet planned our itinerary but are not making it a lengthy sight seeing trip, rather an information gathering trip. I will photocopy the G.R. DAWs section virtually completed and forward it to you for printing A.S.A.P.

I have spent ten days in Ellelbourne during which time I met Neville & Lorna (nee Daws). As you will read from Neville's letter to me which I have enclosed he and Lorna Stephen are going ahead with the organisation of a "Daws Reunion". Both are enthusiastic and prepared to convene the Reunion and organise all the necessary details. We are only asked to provide the History, Family Tree etc. which we offered for this year. They see Easter Saturday I think it is 6<sup>th</sup> April 1985 as the most suitable day. Lorna has checked the venue mentioned in Neville's letter and she thinks it most appropriate when all factors considered, providing the necessary groups involved with the Centre are agreeable to our occupation of the Centre for that day. Wal, Lorna's husband, is helping with the business matters pertaining to the use of the Centre. I am sure that there will be many interested members from the other branches of the family who will attend. Lorna & Neville will arrange all these matters if supplied with lists of names & addresses.

which I am constantly developing and expanding.

While on the way to Melbourne & in Melbourne I was lucky to contact three branches of the 5 lines of descendants of Francis Davis. If you turn to the "Davis History" from my mother, sent to you by Audrey Holman you will see listed

- (1) Agnes married Edward John Le Plastrier - I visited a relative of these Le Plastriers in Binella and as the Le Plastrier Family tree has been completed they have offered to see if they can supply me with Agnes and Edward's descendants.
  - (2) By phoning names listed in the Melbourne Phone Directory I managed to contact the daughter-in-law of Lily & Vern Vogt. She filled me in on much of this branch and directed me to other members of the family who can assist with Annie Davis married F.W. Hawkins line.
  - (3) Again by random selection from the phone book I contacted Ken Davis, son of Walter and Grandson of Francis Edward Davis. He has offered to supply his family information and gave me the phone number of Arthur Davis still living in Healesville Victoria today. I rang him S.T.P. this morning and he too is interested in helping with compiling their family history. He is able to give me information regarding the Lee Archer (No. 2. line.) family so this will give me a fourth line of contact!
- Hopefully my trip to Melbourne will bear fruit for

my labours. I spent two days in Ballarat and surrounding areas including Kingston, where our grandparents were born. I found a photo of the Madame Perry mine in which George Robert & Edward Daws had money invested and where they are said to have made their fortunes before they lost it later in other investments. In a book on the History of Ballarat, there is mention of the fortunes of this mine. There was also reference to mining in the 1890's when my paternal grandfather was employed in the Ballarat mines. While at the Public Record Office I managed to get hold of the copy of the Breswick Rate book from 1869-73. in which the rates paid by George Robert & Edward Daws are recorded. One could & needs to spend a couple of weeks following up all such information from old record books to get an overview of the Family history. You can continue when you settle into retirement. I plan retirement in 4-5 years time. Like you I cannot see myself working beyond 55-56 years of age, especially teaching full time. There are still many years where there are blanks in the activities of the Daws brothers and their descendants.

Phyllis Pedrick gave me a photo of her grandparents - we now have photos of parents. ① Robert & Martha Daws sons ② George Robert & wife and ③ Edward & wife. I am hopeful that someone in the Francis's descendants has a photo of Francis & Lucy Daws.

To date I have been unable to trace the living descendants of Thomas Daws though I have some information from records of 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> generations. As far as Alleen & Phyllis Pedersen recall. Charles Daws did not have any children and married late in life. Phyllis recalls meeting him as a child so she thinks he did not die until 1910 - 1915. He would have been about 90 at this time, I guess.

I hope to spend some time in the next 2-3 months in reading extracts from old newspapers at the National Library. This may give me some further information regarding Daws movements. Of course while I am researching 'Daws' matters I am always on the lookout for 'Sanderson' and 'Peter Budge' items. At times I can cover two families simultaneously, co-ordinating my research. While in Melbourne I collected several more photos that may be useful to the family history. I am having captions made of those I feel will be pertinent to the Family Tree and family history.

Concerning the printing of the G.R. Daws family tree. I will send you a copy of what I have recorded. - have added information since I last gave you a copy and you print as you think, in most appropriate format. You know more about these productions than I do and hence we are sharing the work load. I can research more easily than print the information.

One point I forgot to mention. When talking with

Lorna & Neville last week I gave them a brief outline of the research we are undertaking and have completed. Neville asked if you should again write to the various folk listed on the introductory letter to inform them that Neville Daws & Lorna Stephen were organising a reunion for April 6<sup>th</sup> 1985. We discussed this matter at one of our meetings and felt that as Neville had offered to convene the committee & organise the function that we had handed over this responsibility to him. I hope that I related your views on this matter in suggesting that the matter now lies with Neville & Lorna as we live interstate and cannot organise from this distance. That we only be involved in so much as notifying our relatives and supplying information & details of history, family tree and names & addresses as required for advertising the function.

We have enough to accomplish with research collating and printing without organising the Reunion. Wal. Stephen too well <sup>help</sup> with organisation etc. Lorna is a most capable & experienced organiser as is Neville Daws, I presume. I answered queries they put to me regarding our initial thoughts and actions in promoting the Reunion idea.

This will hopefully bring you up to date with what research and plans have occurred recently.

We will see you hopefully when next in Sydney.  
Regards from Joyce & Hans.

12 Bawson St.

Kaleen 2617

A.C.T.

27.1.84.

Dear George,

Enclosed is a copy of the latest information I have documented for the "George Robert Daws" descendants. Hans had a photocopy made of what Tanya had typed into the 'Apple 2' last year. If you and Matthew can get it into the computer and a print out then I will be able to continue with the research and documentation of the other 4 lines or branches of the family. I am currently working on the descendants of Francis Daws and only Wednesday received a letter from a 'Ken Daws' on his father, self and children & grandchildren. Should receive information from 2 or 3 other contacts I made while in Melbourne.

If you can work out a better format or presentation than I have at present, please use it in the printing if it saves line space, especially, & cuts down the size of the document. Will be interested to see Matthew's program that he is developing.

It is bad luck for Matthew that his position with his firm was lost but one hears these stories almost daily. Will be interested to hear more about your Gemmology when we meet. Like you, I am looking towards retirement and some part time employment for a few years.

I may even find teaching part-time in the  
TAFE College a possibility, as I was originally, a  
Technical Trained Teacher in Needlecraft. Hans does not  
want to retire till he is 62 - as he will then have his 20 years  
long service and entitlement for superannuation. As it  
stands I will only receive about 20% of final salary if  
I retire at 55 years of age as I have only been permanent since  
1974, though teaching full time since 1968. I get long service  
leave entitlement for this period but have not contributed to  
superannuation for the same time.

Will post this in 2<sup>nd</sup> hand envelope as I have no unused  
ones left at the moment. If you receive this next week then  
maybe Clatthair will be interested to try his hand at  
producing it if he is not yet working. Dan, son-in-law,  
has an "Amust" printer attached to his Commodore  
Computer. If this would be of any use for printing  
let me know. Hans has a VIC 1525 printer for his  
Commodore computer but it is slow & I do not like the  
print. It does not use a lower line for Y G P J Q  
but prints Y G P J Q in this manner.

Must close if I am to get the letters posted today.

Kindest regards

Jayne Vaught

12 Barwon St

Kulleen 2617

28-1-84

Dear George,  
When starting work last night on  
recording Daws History I discovered pages 19-25  
of the photostat copy I forwarded before with my  
copy. They had come detached after Hans  
stapled pages together.

Am enclosing these pages to give you a  
complete copy.

Regards

Joyce Vought.

22 Grace Avenue,  
Hardenong, 3175

Victoria

26. 11. '84

Dear George,

Further to your letter of 5<sup>th</sup> April '83, sent to me and six other relatives, which included a suggestion that a "Hantz Re-union" be held, the following will indicate the progress made concerning your suggestion: -

- On 10/1/84 Joyce Voigt came to Melbourne and she met with me at the home of Lorna Stephen at Mt. Waverley.

Joyce indicated that she had been successful, to some degree, in researching the descendants of Francis, Thomas and Edward Hantz and suggested such descendants should be invited to combine with those of "George" at the proposed re-union. Joyce indicated she would keep Lorna and myself informed on her progress. It was then agreed Lorna and I would convene, and organize, the "Hantz Re-union" to be held on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 1985 in the Canterbury Gardens, which included a building, previously a "Camberwell Council Public Library". Lorna, and her husband Hal, had a contract through their son, Graeme, which could give us access to this Building to display photos etc. (and cover should it rain)

- On 1/7/84 I wrote to Joyce for the names and addresses of two descendants of each of our Grandfathers' brothers.
- On 27/7/84 Joyce wrote me a long letter which gave Lorna and I the required information and she included a copy of the 1984 Family Tree of "George Robert", which apparently she had prepared.

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- Lorna and Wal. went to Queensland for 10 weeks and she phoned me on her return resulting in me going to her home on 7/11 when we drafted the enclosed letter.  
Lorna then phoned the following three descendants of the Brothers who lived not too far from Mt. Waverley.  
Lola Dover of Glen Waverley (Francis Daux)  
Pamela Roberts of North Balwyn (Thomas Daux)  
Yvonne Dunstan of Dingley (Edward Daux)
- On 19/11 Lola, Pamela, Yvonne met with Lorna and I at Lorna's home. The required number of copies of the enclosed letter were distributed to all concerned.

The facilities at the "Canterbury Gardens" meet with the suggestions contained in your letter of 5<sup>th</sup> April '83 with the exception that it will not be possible to have a barbecue.

I am enclosing 6 copies of the invitation letter, please distribute to your family and brother Ian.

I have had several enquiries for the "Family Tree" of "George Robert Daux". I assume you are making arrangements of the preparation of this. When will they be available? How much per copy?

If it is not too late for amendments the following relate:—

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Alan Gordon Robson

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Address:-

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m. on. 16. 11. 1984

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2.6.3.2 Berni Joan Daux.

Address:-

85 VICTORIA AVENUE,

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AUCKLAND 5

NEW ZEALAND

2.6.3.3 Lorraine Kristine Daux

Address:- 5 FAIRBairn ROAD,  
CRANBOURNE, 3977

Trusting this finds you, and your family, well.

Any suggestions re arrangements for the Re-union  
would be appreciated.

(P.S. We had 200 copies  
of the "Invitation" printed)

Sincerely,

Neville Daux

7/12/84

Dear Joyce & Hans

As you can see from the attached copy of a letter I have written to Neville Jaws, he has contacted me recently to bring me up to date with the plans for the Family Re-union.

There are some points you will need to consider, in particular the one about distribution of the History. After all, it is your material and you should be the one to influence the decision on the disposal of any copies I produce.

I would also like to hear from you with any ideas on the production please, for example:

- a) Single side or double side print? With single side there is the advantage that people can take notes. With double side only half the paper is needed. [not that there will be many pages anyway]

2.

b) Should I try to include photos of the original settlers? Providing I can get a good copy from the photographer this could be arranged at no cost. If we need to have them printed, there will be costs. Regardless of cost, would photos add to the interest & value of the publication do you think?

c) Other than a) & b) above, is there anything else you would like me to consider in the production?

The best way I can bind the book is as per my alternative 2c [in my letter to Neville]. I would like to do some for you - how many would you like?

It would help me considerably if I could get hold of a copy of the 'Apple' dish which was created by Tanya [I think you said Tanya] please. If that is not possible I will continue working from the copy of the draft you gave me. Also, do you have

updates for inclusion? I can continue  
updating until late February after which I  
will need the 4 weeks in March to do the  
copying, collating & binding ready for  
distribution on April 6.

Best wishes for Christmas to you all from us  
here.

George Stevens.

26 Bent Street  
Greenwich 2065  
7 Dec 1984

Dear Neville,

Thank you for your letter 26/11/84. My warm congratulations to all concerned on the results of the work done in getting the Re-union organised. With this sort of effort it is bound to be an outstanding success.

Here are a few points of comment;

1. The invitation looks fine to me. On the point of identifying people, attached is a sample of a sticky label I can produce for everyone likely to attend. Name of the wearer, name of the Daws forebear, and Joyce's "history" number are probably all that is necessary. However I can include other information as required. Do you think this would be appropriate?

2. The Family Tree will be available for the event. Cost will depend upon the standard we want, as follows:

a) Photocopied and stapled together as per enclosed sample 1, there will be no cost.

b) Photocopied and bound in a buff coloured folder as per sample 2 enclosed, cost would be the purchase price of the folders. I imagine these would be around 50 cents each.

c) Photocopied and bound in coloured cardboard covers with spiral plastic binding, cost would be the purchase price of the board and binding - probably around \$1.00 each.

d) Printed and professionally bound by a Printer/Publisher, who knows? Up to \$10.00 per copy?

I'll leave it up to your committee and Joyce to decide. Please let me know your decision by end February at the latest. Joyce and I will agree the content and organisation of the data.

I will be quite agreeable to any decision your committee takes on the disposal of the copies. For example:

a) Give a copy free to every attendee.

b) Give a copy for every \$5.00 donation received.

c) Sell copies at any price you decide, for any reason you think is appropriate.

You will need to consult with Joyce on this as it is her material we are discussing.

3. the advantage of doing the work of compiling the history on a computer is that information can be readily changed with little effort. Thus I will be able to incorporate your amendments - and any subsequent ones up till the end of February when I plan to copy and bind.

QUESTION: How many copies do you want me to produce? 50? 100? 200? More?

4. Enclosed also is my cheque for \$5.00.

That's all I have at the moment, (information I mean not dollars!!!) Kind regards and best wishes to you and family for Christmas,

George Stevens

Copy to: Joyce Voigt  
Lorna Stephen